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Gaithersburg Winter Lights Festival – Socially Distancing Since 1995 2020 Festival Supports Food Donation Programs in Response to COVID-19

Gaithersburg, MD (November 18, 2020) The City of Gaithersburg [Winter Lights Festival](#), which has always been the perfect socially distancing holiday event, welcomes visitors back for its 25th spectacular season. The wondrous display of lights at Seneca Creek State Park will be open nightly November 27 through December 31, Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Please note that the Festival will be closed on December 25. The park is located at 11950 Clopper Road, just a few miles west of the intersection with I-270. Access is now even more convenient with the opening of the new Watkins Mill Interchange on I-270.

Advance online admission is \$12 per car Monday through Thursday and \$17 per car Friday through Sunday. Admission at the gate is \$15 per car Monday through Thursday and \$20 per car Friday through Sunday. For health and safety reasons to limit contact, we strongly advise that tickets be purchased [online](#). **Vehicle drivers are required to wear a mask at the admission booth.**

The 3.5-mile drive through the enchanted woodland setting of Seneca Creek State Park takes you past more than 450 illuminated displays and beautifully strung trees that light up the night. Festival favorites include a Fairytale scene, Winter Woods, Victorian Village, and Mermaid Lagoon. In celebration of 25 years, an enchanting new Fantasy theme will be debuted at this year's event.

In the spirit of the holidays, a portion of the proceeds from the 2020 Festival will benefit local nonprofit organizations. This year, in response to the increased need for food donations due to the pandemic, Winter Lights is proud to support the [Cool & Dope food donation program](#), the [Gaithersburg Cares food & nutrition program](#) and the [Gaithersburg Holiday Giving program](#).

Winter Lights is sponsored in part by Adventist HealthCare, The Epoch Times, Hughes, Montgomery Magazine, Rio, 97.1 WASH-FM, Washington FAMILY, and Washington Parent.

For complete details and admission rates for large vehicles please visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Explore all of Gaithersburg's seasonal festivities [online](#). From socially distanced visits with Santa and personal shopping appointments at the Arts Barn to virtual cooking classes and at-home Tasty Book activities, there's plenty of safe holiday fun for all ages.

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